

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method of providing access to content, comprising:
receiving a request for content from a client device, wherein the request includes an identifier of an accessibility tool that is necessary for compensating for a disability of a user of the client device, and wherein the request is directed to a first content provider that provides first content;
determining an accessibility tool to be used in providing the content to [[a]] the user of the client device based on the identifier of the accessibility tool;
redirecting the request for content to a second content provider that provides second content based on the determined accessibility tool, wherein the second content is the same as the first content but the second content is formatted for use with the determined accessibility tool;
retrieving the second content from the second content provider;
processing the ~~requested~~ second content using the accessibility tool to produce processed content; and
outputting the processed content to the client device.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
identifying a supplier of the accessibility tool; and
determining an amount of funds to be transferred to the supplier of the accessibility tool.
4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 3, wherein determining an amount of funds includes calculating a percentage of an amount of funds generated by ~~a source of the requested content~~ the first content provider based on the request for content.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the accessibility tool is one of a plug-in device to a web browser application, an applet, and an accessibility tool on a server.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the accessibility tool is one or more of automatic speech recognition, a screen reader, and an intelligent agent.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing an indicator of at least one of a supplier of the requested content, the requested content, the accessibility tool, and the user.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining if a supplier of the accessibility tool is to be paid for use of the accessibility tool; and
transferring funds to the supplier of the accessibility tool if the supplier is to be paid for use of the accessibility tool.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising calculating an amount of the funds to be transferred to the supplier based on contractual terms agreed to by the supplier.
10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the contractual terms are retrieved from an agreement database.
11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the identifier of the accessibility tool includes an identifier of a user, and wherein determining the accessibility tool includes looking-up [[an]] the identifier of the user in a registered user directory.
12. (Currently amended) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for providing access to content, comprising:
first instructions for receiving a request for content from a client device, wherein the request includes an identifier of an accessibility tool that is necessary for compensating for a disability of a user of the client device, and wherein the request is directed to a first content provider that provides first content;

second instructions for determining an accessibility tool to be used in providing the content to [[a]] the user of the client device based on the identifier of the accessibility tool;

third instructions for redirecting the request for content to a second content provider that provides second content based on the determined accessibility tool, wherein the second content is the same as the first content but the second content is formatted for use with the determined accessibility tool;

fourth instructions for retrieving the second content from the second content provider;

~~third~~ fifth instructions for processing the requested second content using the accessibility tool to produce processed content; and

~~fourth~~ sixth instructions for outputting the processed content to the client device.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 12, further comprising:

fifth seventh instructions for identifying a supplier of the accessibility tool; and

sixth eighth instructions for determining an amount of funds to be transferred to the supplier of the accessibility tool.

15. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the sixth eighth instructions for determining an amount of funds include instructions for calculating a percentage of an amount of funds generated by a source of the requested content based on the request for content.

16. (Original) The computer program product of claim 12, wherein the accessibility tool is one of a plug-in device to a web browser application, an applet, and an accessibility tool on a server.

17. (Original) The computer program product of claim 12, wherein the accessibility tool is one or more of automatic speech recognition, a screen reader, and an intelligent agent.
18. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 12, further comprising ~~fifth~~ seventh instructions for storing an indicator of at least one of a supplier of the requested content, the requested content, the accessibility tool, and the user.
19. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 12, further comprising:
~~fifth~~ seventh instructions for determining if a supplier of the accessibility tool is to be paid for use of the accessibility tool; and
~~sixth~~ eighth instructions for transferring funds to the supplier of the accessibility tool if the supplier is to be paid for use of the accessibility tool.
20. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 19, further comprising ~~seventh~~ ninth instructions for calculating an amount of the funds to be transferred to the supplier based on contractual terms agreed to by the supplier.
21. (Original) The computer program product of claim 20, wherein the contractual terms are retrieved from an agreement database.
22. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 1, wherein the identifier of the accessibility tool includes an identifier of the user, and wherein the second instructions for determining the accessibility tool include instructions for looking-up [[an]] the identifier of the user in a registered user directory.
23. (Currently amended) An apparatus for providing access to content, comprising:
a controller;
a tracking device coupled to the controller; and
a payment device coupled to the tracking device, wherein the controller;

receives a request for content from a client device, the request including an identifier of an accessibility tool that is necessary for compensating for a disability of a user of the client device and being directed to a first content provider that provides first content, and

determines one or more accessibility tools to be used in providing content to [[a]] the user of the client device based on the identifier of the accessibility tool,

redirects the request for content to a second content provider that provides second content based on the determined accessibility tool, wherein the second content is the same as the first content but the second content is formatted for use with the determined accessibility tool,

retrieves the second content from the second content provider,

processes the second content using the accessibility tool to produce processed content, and

outputs the processed content to the client device, wherein the tracking device stores tracking information regarding the content provided to the user, the one or more accessibility tools used, and one or more suppliers of the one or more accessibility tools, and wherein the payment device transfers funds to the one or more suppliers based on the tracking information.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Original) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the payment device determines an amount of funds to be transferred to the one or more suppliers.

26. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the payment device determines an amount of funds to be transferred by calculating a percentage of an amount of funds generated by ~~a source of the requested content~~ the first content provider based on the request for content.

27. (Original) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the payment device determines if a supplier of the one or more suppliers is to be paid for use of a corresponding accessibility tool.
28. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the payment device identifies an amount of funds to transfer to the supplier by calculating an amount of the funds to be transferred to the supplier based on contractual terms agreed to by the supplier.
29. (Original) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the contractual terms are retrieved from an agreement database.
30. (Currently amended) The apparatus program product of claim 23, wherein the identifier of the accessibility tool includes an identifier of the client device, and wherein the processor determines the one or more accessibility tools by looking-up [[an]] the identifier of the client device in a registered user directory.
31. (Currently amended) An apparatus for providing access to content, comprising:
 means for receiving a request for content from a client device, wherein the request includes an identifier of an accessibility tool that is necessary for compensating for a disability of a user of the client device, and wherein the request is directed to a first content provider that provides first content;
 means for determining an accessibility tool to be used in providing the content to [[a]] the user of the client device based on the identifier of the accessibility tool;
 means for redirecting the request for content to a second content provider that provides second content based on the determined accessibility tool, wherein the second content is the same as the first content but the second content is formatted for use with the determined accessibility tool;
 means for retrieving the second content from the second content provider;

means for processing the requested second content using the accessibility tool to produce processed content; and

means for outputting the processed content to the client device.